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SAIGON TELEX EASES SNARLED CABLE TRAFFIC

SAIGON—Snarled cable traffic from Saigon was eased here recently with the introduction of a special telex facility, jointly operated by RCA Communications Inc. and the Vietnamese Telephone-Telegraph Office.

Only outgoing calls are accepted at the present time at the office situated in the National Press Center, across the street from the Hotel Caravelle, where many of the foreign correspondents live.

All calls must be made collect and only by holders of an RCA credit card.

The facility at the National Press Center will have its own operators, who will punch tapes. The copy will be sent via radio to Manila and relayed via cable to telex subscribers in the US, Japan or Europe. Telex transmits punched tapes at the rate of 66 words per minute. The minimum call is three minutes. Following are some examples of rates.

	Minutes	Each Additional Minute or fraction thereof
Saigon-Philippines	\$ 9.00	\$3.00
Saigon-United States	\$12.00	\$4.00
Saigon-Europe	\$15.00	\$5.00
Saigon-Japan	\$12.00	\$4.00

There will be an additional handling charge of \$.50 per minute. A transmission to the US would cost slightly less than \$.07 per word.

Two key Vietnamese officials chiefly responsible for the introduction of Telex are Nguyen Ngoc Linh, Director of Vietnam Press, and Buu Nghi, Director of the National Press Center.